

Lamoine School Committee ~ Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Lamoine Consolidated School

1. Call to Order 7:05

Members Present: Gordon Donaldson, Valerie Peacock, Michael Brann, Robert Pulver, Brett Jones. Visitors Present: None

2. Changes to the Agenda

B1: Authorization to allow the Superintendent to screen and hire a
Special Education Director

B2: Nomination of Maine School Board Association Representative and Alternate

B3: Discussion of Community Use of LCS Field

B4: Out of State Travel Request

3. Citizen Comments: None

4. Reports

A. Superintendent: Katrina Kane reported that the school had a fantastic and positive opening day for students. The two professional development days in August with all school staff went very well with many positive contributions. The building and grounds look fantastic. Many thanks to the community volunteers and staff who helped make this possible. Katrina thanked members for attending the MSMA Annual Board Training and expressed appreciation to members for moving the meeting time tonight to 7:00 to accommodate attendance at the HGS Open House. Katrina attended the LCS Open House and noted that it was a full house. Information regarding the 2014 Fall School Board Conference was distributed. All positions are now filled with the exception of the school nurse opening. The Special Education Director resigned and the vacancy has been posted.

B. Principal: Dawn McPhail reported on the work being done to transition to a proficiency based reporting system. In grades K-4 the system is already in place. Grades 5-8 are hoping to pilot the new grading system during the second trimester. The staff has also worked to develop a new Honor Level System. Brochures were developed by the staff and distributed for information. The program ties privileges to good behaviors. Special activities and awards will be available to students throughout the year.

C. School Committee Chair: Brett Jones noted at the beginning of the meeting that this is the first televised meeting of the Lamoine School Committee.

5. Consent Agenda

Minutes of the August 12, 2014 School Committee Meeting were approved.

Motion: Gordon Donaldson Second: Michael Brann Vote: 5 yes 0 no

6. Action Items

A. The board calendar for 2014-2015 was approved.

Motion: Robert Pulver Second: Brett Jones Vote 5 yes 0 no

B. Consideration of grading and reporting structure for 2014-2015 school year.

This item was tabled until November to give more time for the final product to be completed and for teachers to present it to the board. The board noted support for the work the school is doing to move to proficiency based system.

B1: A motion was made to authorize the Superintendent to screen for and hire a Special Education Director.

Motion: Gordon Donaldson Second: Michael Brann Vote 5 yes 0 no

B2: Nomination of Maine School Board Association Representative and Alternate

A motion was made by Brett Jones to nominate Robert Pulver as the Maine School Board Association Representative with Gordon Donaldson as the alternate. Second: Michael Brann Vote: 5 yes 0 no

B3: Discussion of Community Use of Field

A discussion was held regarding use of the field by outside groups. Approvals for such use go through the Principal and the Superintendent as per policy. Katrina will work with groups who use the field in an ongoing manner to determine if we can cost share the expense of mowing. School events will take priority over outside groups.

B4: Out of State Travel Request

Motion by Valerie Peacock and Second by Robert Pulver to allow Kathy McGlinchy to attend the 2014 American Speech Language Association Convection. Vote: 5 yes 0 no

C. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations

Pursuant to [1 M.R.S.A. §405 (D)]

Motion to enter: Michael Brann Second: Robert Pulver Vote 5 yes 0 no

Time out: 8:44 No Action taken

5. Adjourn 8:45

Approved: October 14, 2014